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In accordance with the duty of disclosure, enclosed is a completed Form PTO-1449.

Consideration of each of the listed references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. Copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed in accordance with recently revised 37 CFR §1.98. Applicant respectfully requests that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 indicating such consideration be returned with the next Official Action, as set forth in MPEP 609.

By submitting these references, applicant does not admit that the references are prior art to or material to this application, and reserves the right to establish that any reference is not prior art. Applicant does not represent that the references have been reviewed in detail; there may be details in the references of which applicant is unaware.

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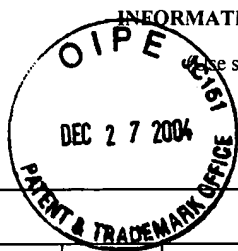
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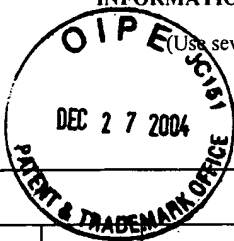
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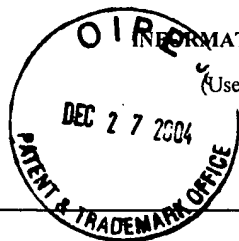
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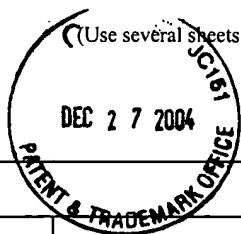
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